

## Opposition Letter for FCC proceedings 17-108

I am a United States Citizen who lives in Colorado. I strongly, strongly, strongly oppose any change to existing Net Neutrality Laws. I urge the FCC to continue Net Neutrality currently protected by Title II.

Net Neutrality is extremely important to this country and to the freedom of speech entrenched in our Bill of Rights. I cannot believe that the FCC would consider siding with corporations to curb Americans access to information. Not only is this harmful to all citizens of the United States, it would threaten the very foundations of our government. Corporations already have far too much power in our government through campaign financing given to them by Citizens United. If you give them the power to buy information on the internet and control people's access to it, you are stripping Americans of their right to informed debate and information. It sometimes seems extreme when people describe actions as Orwellian. However, power consolidation by government or shadowy figures behind that government often happens not in loud and transparent coups but by slowly leaching rights from individuals in opaque moves just like this one. I do not believe that the chairman of the FCC has my best interests at heart. I do not believe he cares one bit about how this will affect individuals and their access to all information and websites. He has made it abundantly clear through his actions and prior statements that he is on the side of big business. However, I urge this Commission to take into consideration their own future and reputation. Do you want to be remembered as the Commission that set in motion a process that further limits Americans' ability to access information for themselves, that stifles freedom of speech, and could lend future powers to the people at the top to control the masses?

Additionally, my research shows me that almost the entire internet industry is against this push to end net neutrality. These are the experts, the internet sites and businesses that thrive under net neutrality. Dot.coms and internet companies have become what they are today through the existence of net neutrality. By limiting access to internet and by controlling internet speeds to those websites that have the financial backing to pay for it, you are stifling economic growth and small business. This Commission would not be helping the growth of the internet, rather it would be consolidating power in the hands of the few at the expense of the many. We do not know which website or company will be the next Google or Amazon, but everyone with an idea should have the ability to test that idea on the internet free of the constraints you will place on it. Corporations are only about the bottom line. History has shown again and again that corporations do not put the needs of the country over that of their shareholders short-term gains and profits. They will not stand by and allow the next "big idea" to possibly push them out of the industry. That isn't smart business. Smart business will be to stifle growth and consolidate internet access in the hands of those already in power. If you undo these regulations, you will be a pawn of big business and you will stifle the future of American ingenuity.

I urge you to defy the Chairman's wishes and to think about the future. Despite this current political climate, you need to be the guardians on the wall who ensure the United States

continues to be a country of free individuals able to access any and all information they wish to without the constraints big business wish to put on that access. If this law passes it is essentially ending the age of free access to all internet. While the government itself may not be censoring access, the wheels of censure are put into the hands of companies who should never have that power. This regulation change is comparable to the constraints China and North Korea put on their internet to stifle freedom of speech.

This regulation change is bad for the American people, it is bad for small businesses, and it is bad for the future ingenuity of the United States of America, an ingenuity that has made this country the great one it is today. I am against any changes to net neutrality currently protected by Title II. I urge you to do the right thing.